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MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND LAKE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Minto Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Municipality of Grand Lake was held at 7:00pm on Monday, January 16, 2023, with Mayor Kevin Nicklin presiding.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Greg Smith
Chanda Klassen
Gary Glenn
Crystal Boudreau
Michael Richardson
Shaun Ward
Mary Faith Mazerolle

CAO: Michelle Dickinson
SDO: Alyson Boudreau

PUBLIC: Steve Gauthier, Elaine Gauthier, Brian Robinson, Keith Hoyt, and Glenna Best

PRESS: Kelly Bishop, Grand Lake Mirror

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicklin called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Mazerolle to approve the January 16, 2023, agenda.

Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

Acting Clerk advised Mayor Nicklin there was no correspondence to be read.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Glenn and seconded by Councillor Klassen that Greg Smith be Deputy Mayor on a six-month basis, then Mayor Nicklin will re-evaluate.
Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR MAZEROLLE – WINTER FEST REQUEST

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Mazerolle and seconded by Councillor Glenn that a skating party will be held at the Chipman arena as part of the winter fest that will run from February 1st to Family Day. Councillor Mazerolle is to inquire on a date and availability of the arena.

Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT OF LT. OF TRUCK –ADAM SPENCER

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Councillor Boudreau to accept the recommendation from the Minto Fire Department to approve the appointment of Adam Spencer as Lieutenant of Trucks

Motion carried.

MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND LAKE – NEW LOGO

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Mazerolle and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith that the Municipality of Grand Lake advertise a contest for our new logo with a prize of \$500.00 with a deadline of March 31st 2023, and the logo should incorporate the waters from Grand Lake, the forestry industry from Chipman and the mining from Minto.

Motion carried.

SEWER RATES AND BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Glenn to approve the Municipality of Grand Lake Sewer Operating budget with the new sewer rates of \$395.00 for Minto and \$425.00 for Chipman as per the budget outlined by the province.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Mazerolle to approve the Municipality of Grand Lake General Operating budget as outlined by the province.

Motion carried.

NEW TAX RATES:

Canning Douglas LSD - 0.5898
 Canning Newcastle LSD – 0.4943
 Chipman LSD – 0.4855
 Chipman Village – 1.4000
 Minto Village – 1.3256
 Northfield LSD – 0.4795
 Sheffield Out LSD – 0.5431
 Harcourt LSD – 0.8894

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Councillor Glenn to accept the above tax rates as per the Municipality of Grand Lake General Operating budget outlined by the province.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR ROOM AT MINTO OFFICE FOR AA

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Ward to approve the request for AA to use the office downstairs at the Minto municipal building that was used for AA a few years ago.

Motion carried.

LOCAL GOVERNANCE ORIENTATION FOR COUNCIL

The Union of Municipalities will be having a 2023 Orientation Conference on February 11th – 12th, 2023 at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton. Council is to let the CAO know who will be attending so that fees and hotel arrangements can be made.

STREETLIGHTS IN NEW AREAS – COUNCILLOR RICHARDSON

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Klassen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith that Councillor Richardson proceed with phase one of his lighting proposal presented to council to increase streetlights in the Princess Park, Sunnyside Beach, and the Syphers Cove areas.

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND LAWYER

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith to appoint Shannon & Buffett as the Municipality of Grand Lake auditors and that Vanessa Gray of Cox and Palmer be appointed as the lawyer.

Motion carried.

GRAND LAKE COMMITTEE CENTER

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Mazerolle to proceed with the funding application for the Grand Lake Community Center, and if approved, a decision will be made at that time by council whether they want to proceed with the tax holiday.

Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Steve Gauthier expressed congratulations to the new council. He inquired as to where the meetings will be held moving forward and Mayor Nicklin advised that a decision will be made at the next regular council meeting held in Chipman on February 6th, 2023.

Glenna Best expressed concerns with the corner of Post Road and Pleasant Drive as to it being a very dangerous corner. Councillor Richardson will investigate this matter and the acting clerk will verify who owns the property and inform Councillor Richardson.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PORTFOLIOS

Mayor Nicklin announced the councillors' portfolios. See attachment.

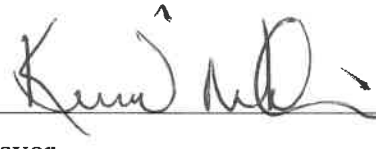
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Glenn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Motion carried.



Acting Clerk



Mayor